

**Current fishing regulations in Inland Waters as a result of Public Act 21-12,  
which allows for year round trout fishing.  
As of 12/22/2021**

The passage of [Public Act 21-12](#) by the legislature eliminated the closed season for trout. Since that time, the Fisheries Division has been working to revise inland fishing regulations to support the new law. We are close, but are not there yet. A public hearing to comment on the proposed changes should be forthcoming in early 2022. As such, there are no changes to the inland (freshwater regulations) at this time. The 2021 regulations continue to be in effect until formal adoption of any new regulations (likely in June of 2022).

This means -

- Some waters listed as closed to fishing as of a date (10/31, 11/30, 12/31, and last day of February) remain open for **trout fishing only**. Fishing for all other species is not allowed. A detailed list of effected waterbodies is provided below.
- The 2021 fishing regulations including daily creel limits, methods, gear, and size limits remain in effect.

Questions may be directed to [Mike.Beauchene@ct.gov](mailto:Mike.Beauchene@ct.gov) or by calling the main Fisheries Phone line at 860-424-3474.

## **Lakes and Ponds**

Many lakes and ponds are already open year-round. However, some are closed to fishing (*EXCEPT For TROUT*) from midnight on the date listed and re-open at 6:00 am on the second Saturday of April. If a lake or pond is not specifically listed below, it does not have a closed season and is open to fishing year-round.

### **June 15, 2021**

- Simsbury Town Park Ponds, Simsbury.

### **August 31, 2021**

- St. Martha's Pond, Enfield is August 31 to April 1

### **September 30, 2021**

- Pasture Pond, Plainfield

### **October 31, 2021**

- Angus Parks Pond (Eastbury Park Pond), Glastonbury
- Beaver Park Lagoon, New Haven
- Bicentennial Pond (Mansfield Town Pond), Mansfield
- Butternut Pond, East Windsor
- Godfrey Pond, Stonington
- Hewitt Flyfishing Pond (Gallup Pond), North Stonington
- Mohegan Lake, Fairfield

- Pistol Shop Pond, Middlefield
- Prospect Park Pond, Prospect
- Shenipsit Reservoir, Ellington, Tolland, Vernon
- Tollgate Ponds, Greenwich
- Wononscopomuc Lake, Salisbury. Fishing hours shall be from 6:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. prevailing time.

#### **November 30, 2021**

- Bunnells Pond (Beardsley Park Pond), Bridgeport.
- Factory Pond, Salisbury.
- Gould Manor Pond, Fairfield
- Great Hollow Pond, Monroe.
- Helen Keller School Pond, Easton
- Katz Pond, Trumbull
- Lake Chamberlain, Bethany.
- Lake McDonough (Compensating Reservoir), New Hartford, Barkhamsted Fishing hours shall be from 5:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. prevailing time, except opening day when fishing shall start at 6:00 a.m.
- Lake Saltonstall, Branford, East Haven.
- Maltby Lakes (#1, #2, #3), Orange West Haven.
- Mill Pond, Newington
- Mohegan Park Pond (Spaulding Pond), Norwich
- Sochrin Pond, Seymour

#### **December 31, 2021**

- Isinglass Reservoir (Far Mill Reservoir), Shelton.
- Saugatuck Reservoir, Easton, Redding, Weston.
- Shelton Reservoir #2, Shelton.
- West Pequonnock Reservoir, Monroe.

#### **February 28, 2022**

- Allen Brook Pond (Wharton Pond), Wallingford
- Baldwins Pond, Meriden
- Ball Pond, New Fairfield
- Barber Pond, Bloomfield, Windsor
- Bashan Lake, East Haddam
- Baummer Pond, Naugatuck
- Beach Pond, Voluntown and Rhode Island
- Beachdale Pond, Voluntown
- Beaver Brook Ponds (Upper and Lower), Windham
- Bigelow Pond, Union
- Billings Lake, North Stonington
- Black Pond, Meriden, Middlefield

- Black Rock Flood Control Impoundment, Watertown
- Black Rock Pond, Watertown
- Blanchard Pond, New Canaan, Wilton
- Branford Supply Ponds, Branford
- Broad Brook Mill Pond, East Windsor
- Brookfield Pond, South Windsor
- Cedar Lake, Chester
- Clarks Pond, Hamden
- Clarktown Pond, Orange
- Cobbs Mill Pond, Weston
- Colebrook Flood Control Impoundment, Colebrook, and Massachusetts
- Day Pond, Colchester
- Dayton Pond, Wallingford
- Disbrow Pond, New Fairfield
- Dodge Pond, East Lyme
- Enders Pond, Granby
- Factory Pond, Redding, Wilton
- Fitchville Pond, Bozrah
- Fort Shantok Pond, Montville
- Fountain Lake, Seymour, Ansonia
- Freshwater Pond, Enfield
- Furnace Brook, Cornwall
- Gardner Lake, Salem, Montville, Bozrah
- Gay City Park Pond, Hebron
- Gills Pond, Berlin
- Green Falls Reservoir, Voluntown
- Hallville Pond, Preston
- Hancock Brook Flood Control Pool, Plymouth
- Hanover Reservoir, Canterbury, Sprague
- Hewitt Pond (Lower Hewitt Pond), North Stonington
- Higanum Reservoir, Haddam
- Hop Brook Flood Control Pool, Middlebury
- Hopeville Pond, Griswold
- Horse Pond, Salem
- Howells Pond, Hartland
- Johnson's Pond, Bolton
- Keney Park Pond, Hartford
- Lafayette Pond, Somers
- Lake Stibbs, Southbury
- Lake Wintergreen, Hamden
- Lantern Hill Pond, Ledyard, North Stonington
- Little Pond, Thompson
- Long Pond, Ledyard, North Stonington

- Lower Storrs Pumping Station Pond, Mansfield
- Mad River Flood Control Impoundment, Winchester
- Mansfield Training School Ponds, Mansfield
- Mashapaug Lake, Union
- McGovern Pond, West Hartford
- Millers Pond, Durham
- Millers Pond, Ridgefield
- Moosup Pond, Plainfield
- Mt. Tom Pond, Morris, Litchfield, Washington
- Nells Rock Reservoir, Shelton
- Northfield Brook Flood Control Pool, Litchfield
- Norwich Pond, Lyme
- Pages Millpond, North Branford
- Paine Pond, Ashford
- Pataconk Lake (Russell Jennings Pond), Chester
- Picketts Pond (Osborndale State Park), Derby
- Quassapaug Lake, Middlebury, Woodbury
- Roseland Lake, Woodstock
- Saint Martha's Pond, Enfield (The landowner is courteously granting access to the public for the purpose of fishing from April 1 to August 31).
- Salmon Brook, Glastonbury
- Salmon Brook Pond, Glastonbury
- Sawmill Park Pond, Ledyard
- Schreeder Pond (Chatfield Hollow Pond), Killingworth
- Scoville Reservoir, Wolcott
- Shaw Lake (Hayward Lake), East Haddam
- Silvermine Pond, New Canaan
- Somersville Mill Pond, Somers
- Southford Falls Pond, Oxford, Southbury
- Starret Pond (Huntington Park Pond), Redding
- Stillwater Pond, Torrington
- Stratton Brook Park Pond, Simsbury
- Taftville Reservoir, Norwich
- Tankerhoosen Lakes, Vernon
- Tungsten Mine Park Pond, Trumbull
- Twin Brooks Park Pond, Trumbull
- Tyler Pond, Goshen
- Uncas Lake (Hog Pond), Lyme
- Upper Fulton Park Pond, Waterbury
- Valley Falls Pond, Vernon
- Walker Reservoir (East), Vernon
- Wangumbaug Lake (Coventry Lake), Coventry
- Wards Millpond, Branford

- Wauregan Reservoir (Quinebaug Lake), Killingly
- West Branch Reservoir (Hogback), Hartland, Colebrook
- West Side Pond, Goshen
- Woodruffs Pond, Hamden
- Wyassup Lake, North Stonington

### **March 31, 2022**

- Amos Lake, Preston
- Black Pond, Woodstock.
- Candlewood Lake (including Squantz Pond), New Fairfield, Danbury, New Milford, Sherman, Brookfield.
- Crystal Lake, Ellington, Stafford
- East Twin Lake, Salisbury.
- Highland Lake, Winchester.
- Indian Pond, Sharon -New York
- Mohawk Pond, Cornwall, Goshen.
- Quonnipaug Lake, Guilford
- Rogers Lake, Lyme, Old Lyme.
- West Hill Pond, New Hartford, Barkhamsted.

### **Rivers and Streams:**

All rivers and streams, **except for those listed below**, are closed to fishing (*EXCEPT FOR TROUT*) from midnight on the last day in February through 6:00 a.m. on the second Saturday in April.

### **Open to fishing year-round – no closed season**

#### **Trout Management Areas**

- Housatonic River TMA and Bulls Bridge, Sharon/Cornwall and Bulls Bridge Ten Mile River TMA, Kent, Sherman
- Farmington River TMA and West Branch Farmington River TMA, Hartland to Farmington
- Hammonasset River TMA, Madison
- Hockanum River TMA, Manchester
- Mianus River TMA, Stamford
- Mill River TMA , Fairfield
- Mill River TMA, Hamden
- Moosup River TMA, Plainfield
- Naugatuck River TMA, Litchfield/Thomaston
- Pequabuck River TMA, Bristol
- Salmon River TMA, Colchester
- Saugatuck River TMA, Redding
- Willimantic River TMA, Willington

- Yantic River TMA, Bozrah

### **Class 1 Wild Trout Management Areas**

- Beaver Brook, Scotland
- Deep Brook, Newtown
- Eightmile River, Southington
- Freeman Hill brook, Burlington
- Hawleys Brook, Easton/Weston
- Macedonia Brook, Kent
- Merrick Brook, Scotland
- Mill River, Fairfield
- Pootatuck River, Newtown
- Quinnipiac River, Southington
- Tankerhoosen River, Vernon
- Wachocastinook Brook, Salisbury

### **Sea run Trout streams- sections open to fishing year-round currently that are upstream of either the Marine District or the tidal waters streams.**

- Eightmile River: Downstream of the dam at Mt. Archer Road to the Connecticut River (Hamburg Cove). *Perhaps we should revise and use Joshuatown road as the lower boundary.*
- Farm River: Downstream of the I-95 bridge to route 142.
- Hammonasset River: Downstream of the breached dam located approximately 300 feet above River Road to route 1.
- Whitfords Brook: Downstream of the Route 184 bridge to the confluence with Haley's Brook.
- Saugatuck River: Downstream of Wood Dam to the bridge on King's Highway.

### **Tidal waters and tributaries.**

- Coginchaug River, Middletown – downstream from Route 3 bridge to its junction with the Mattabasset River (Sebethe River).
- Connecticut River and its coves.
- Farmington River – downstream from the outlet of the Rainbow Dam Tailrace Canal to its confluence with the Connecticut River (all fishing is prohibited in the Rainbow Dam Tailrace Canal and in the Farmington River from the Tailrace Canal upstream to Rainbow Dam).
- Housatonic River – downstream from the dam on Lake Housatonic (the Derby Dam).
- Mattabasset River (Sebethe River), Middletown – downstream from the Route 372 bridge to its junction with the Connecticut River.
- Mystic River, Groton and Stonington – downstream from the confluence of Whitfords Brook and Haleys Brook.
- Naugatuck River – downstream from the Kinneytown Dam (Seymour) to its confluence with the Housatonic River.

- Niantic River, East Lyme and Waterford.
- Quinnipiac River – downstream from the highway bridge on Route 5 in North Haven to its junction with New Haven Harbor.
- Salmon River, Haddam and East Haddam – downstream from the bridge on Route 151 to its junction with the Connecticut River.
- Thames River and its coves, including the Shetucket River downstream from Greenville Dam and the Yantic River downstream of the falls at Indian Leap in Norwich.